

INVESTIGATE A CREATION MYTH

Nearly all civilizations had their own creation myths. Sometimes, these creation myths were weirdly similar, even if the cultures had no known contact. Let's take a look at some and see if there is any truth in the stories.

- **Research a creation myth.** If you already know one or more, try to find one you're not familiar with! Head to the library or search online to find them.
- **Think about the following questions.**
 - How does the culture represent the universe? Do they use people, animals, or supernatural beings such as gods and goddesses?
 - According to the myth, how was the world or universe created?
 - Where did people come from?
 - How old is the earth?
 - How does the myth describe the way people and nature relate to each other?

To investigate more, compare two or more creation myths. What are the similarities and differences? Do they seem connected in some way? Create a representation of a creation myth using any materials you choose. It can be a web page, a diagram, or a model—whichever method you think will best represent the myth.



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Write down what you think each word means. What root words can you find to help you? What does the context of the word tell you?

Big Bang, cosmology, geocentric, heliocentric, solar system, and universe.

Compare your definitions with those of your friends or classmates. Did you all come up with the same meanings? Turn to the text and glossary if you need help.